

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application and the indication that the present application contains allowable subject matter (Office Action, p. 11-12). The Office Action mailed September 17, 2009, however, tentatively rejected the remaining claims. This is a full and timely response to that outstanding Office Action. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 14, and 25 are pending. Claims 2-4, 6, 10-13, and 26-29 are canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant takes this action merely to reduce the number of issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate any of the canceled subject matter to the public. These amendments are specifically described hereinafter.

On pages 11-12 of the Office Action, it is indicated that claims 6-7 and 13-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has rewritten independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 6 as well as any intervening claims. Likewise, Applicant has rewritten independent claim 8 to include the limitations of claim 13 as well as intervening claims. In addition, Applicant has rewritten claim 25 to include analogous limitations that the Office Action indicates are allowable over the cited art of record.

Therefore, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance every rejection and/or objection to the claims has been overcome.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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